

a great mistake to seek for "numbers." Well, in one sense that is true, but Christ said, "Preach the gospel to every creature." Was he after numbers? But some people in order to try to excuse their failure try to hide behind the "O, we're not after numbers!" But some are saying that they "are not after numbers" when they contradict themselves. For instance those who teach that a prescribed "order" of dress is essential, rather than suffer the loss of "numbers" of their members (?) will compromise with them in almost any kind of way.

Sometime since (perhaps about May 1) an article appeared in the *Gospel Messenger* entitled, "Drifting." The writer tells of great "numbers"—"whole congregations that pay no attention whatever to the order of the church, who have practically abandoned the salutation, who seem ashamed of the ordinances," etc. Now these same dear people are "not after numbers!"

Dear brethren, let us get after numbers—get after all we can—but let us not get so very anxious that we are willing to fellowship those who in any way repudiate or ignore, or are "ashamed" of the ordinances of the gospel! God forbid.

But my letter is growing too lengthy and my time is up for the present. Hope to be able soon to report many other good things. We expect Brother Bowman, of Philadelphia, to be with us soon to hold a month's tent meeting. Pray for us.

Yours in the work,
315 9th St., S. E. W. M. LYON.

COMMUNION NOTICES.

The West Alexandria Brethren church, Preble Co., Ohio, will hold their communion service Friday evening, June 11, commencing at 7 o'clock. All of like faith cordially invited to be present.

JOSIAH KEIM, Pastor.

The brethren of the Bethesda church, Pioneer, Ohio, will hold their spring communion on Sunday evening, June 6. We invite others to be with us.

HATTIE KANANER, Cor. Sec.

The brethren of the Union Salem church, Mo., will hold their spring communion, Monday evening, June 21. Services on Saturday evening, Sunday morning and evening will be held preparatory to the communion. To all these services you are cordially invited.

W. C. PERRY, Pastor.

Our communion at Zion's Hill church will be held on Friday evening, June 11. All are invited of like faith.

WM. KEIFER, Pastor.

BRIGHGON, IND.

Brother Wm. Miller baptized four last Saturday. Three had made the good confession during our revival last winter. Consecration services in the evening were impressive, after which we all enjoyed a pleasant communion service. The attendance was good. The following day our pastor preached a most excellent sermon. It thrills the very soul of an anxious listener, when the one who delivers it feels first in his heart the message he wishes to impart. May God bless the good work everywhere.

M. E. HORNER.

ALEPPO, PA.

The churches at Bridgeport and Quiet Dell are still moving along in the Master's cause. Our Sunday-schools never were better. Our meeting at Quiet Dell, conducted by E. B. Shaver of Va., was a grand success. As an immediate result, seven confessed Christ. Six were buried by baptism into Christ, and one yet to be baptized. Brother Shaver stayed with us two weeks. Wish he could have stayed longer. Brother Wise, of Parkersburg, W. Va., was also with us during the meeting. He assisted us with our love feast, which we held May 19, at which time 60 and 70 surrounded the Lord's table. It was a feast indeed. During our former meeting at Quiet Dell, which has never been reported, 17 were rec'd into the church. Since then one was reclaimed, making a total of 25 for which we give God all the glory.

Brethren pray for us.

J. M. MURRAY.

OHIO STATE CONFERENCE.

Where will it be? And how can we get there? Answer.—At Williamstown, Hancock Co., O., located in the southern part of the Co., and on the Toledo and Ohio Central R. R., running from Toledo to Columbus. All persons coming to conference over the Nickle Plate R. R. from east or west, change at Stuartsville. All persons coming over the B. & O. change at Welker Junction, and all coming over the L. E. & W. and the C. H. & D., and the Findlay, Ft. Wayne & Western change at Findlay, O., and those coming over the Northern Ohio, change at Arlington, O. Those coming over the P. Ft. W. & C. R. R. change at Dunkirk, O. Those coming over the C. & E. change at Kenton, O.

Arrangements will be made for all day trains to stop at Williamstown. In sending blank, credentials for lay delegates, I sent one to each minister, should you need more than one copy, will send as many as are necessary. *Come to the conference.*

A. J. BAUGHMAN, Pastor.

Matrimonial.

CAMPBELL—LEEDY.—At the home of the bride's parents, one-half mile north of West Independence, Ohio, May 23, 1897 in the presence of a large circle of friends and relatives, Mr. D. W. Campbell and sister Stella A. Leedy were united in marriage. That heaven's choicest blessings may accompany them all along the journey of life, is the sincere wish of all who know them.

M. S. WHITE.

Our Dead.

FISHER.—Sister Agnes Virginia Fisher, daughter of brother Jacob Fisher, was born in Green Co., Pa., August 27, 1875, died May 27, 1897, aged 21 years and 9 months. She was laid to rest the following day in the family cemetery near Brink, Marion Co., W. Va. The cause of death was consumption; the same disease which had carried away 4 others of the same family before her. She leaves behind a father and 5 brothers, her mother, 3 brothers and 2 sisters having preceded her to the spirit world. They are a sad and broken family, but they have a consolation in that she was willing to go and went prepared.

MARY A. SNYDER.

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Items of Interest.

—The salary of a United States Senator is \$5,000 and mileage.

—Twenty-seven members of the present Congress are of foreign birth.

—The forest region of Minnesota is 330 miles long and 200 wide. There are hardly any white pines left.

—The address of William J. Bryan given before the Kentucky Legislature was received enthusiastically.

—A royal welcome was given the new U. S. ambassador to England, Col. John Hay on his arrival at Southampton.

—The new Raines liquor act was signed by Governor Black, of New York, April 20, and steps were immediately taken to put the law into effect.

—The daughter of the late Henry W. Grady, Miss Augusta Grady, will soon marry Mr. Eugene Black, a talented and prosperous lawyer of Atlanta, Ga. Miss Grady is said to possess many of the brilliant gifts of her distinguished father.

—Every part of the postage-stamp making is done by hand. The designs are engraven on steel, two hundred stamps on a single plate. These plates are inked by two men, and printed by a girl and a man on a large handpress. They are dried as fast as printed, and then gummed with a starch paste made from potatoes. The paste is dried by placing the sheets in a steam fanning machine, and then the stamps are sub-